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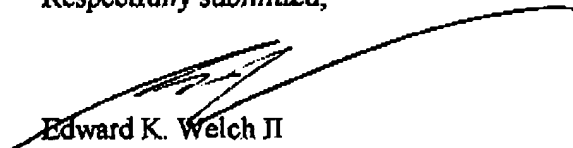
## STATUS INQUIRY

Dear Sir:

During a telephone conversation with the Examiner in early January 2006, the undersigned was advised that the application was being passed on to Allowance. On March 7, 2006, the PAIR record was updated to show that the application was allowed but that the Notice of Allowance had not yet been mailed. Nearly four months later, Applicants are still awaiting issuance of the formal Notice of Allowance.

The undersigned respectfully requests that he be advised as to when a Notice of Allowance may be issued. For convenience, the Patent Office may contact the undersigned via telephone (781-718-9512); e-mail ([welched@comcast.net](mailto:welched@comcast.net)) or facsimile (239-263-7083) with a response.

Respectfully submitted,



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